

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed long-standing inequities in our healthcare, economic and environmental protection systems that have plagued communities of color for far too long; and

WHEREAS, the current structure of our economy that puts the interests of large companies and the wealthiest individuals before the needs of everyday Americans makes it difficult, if not impossible, for working people to get ahead in order to provide for their families; and

WHEREAS, S. 5065 (Schumer), the Economic Justice Act, was introduced in the United States Senate during the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress (2019-20); and

WHEREAS, this bill would have provided more than \$435 billion in long-term investments in communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, the bill included \$135 billion for services that are essential for the security and well-being of working people such as child care, job training, mental health care, primary care, and job creation; and

WHEREAS, the bill would have also invested in the long-term prosperity of working people over the next five years by providing \$300 billion for infrastructure, a homeowner down payment tax credit, and expansion of Medicare; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the bill would have gradually increased the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour and directed funding to communities with persistent and high poverty rates; and

WHEREAS, the bill also included funding for high-speed internet, affordable housing, public school construction, and library construction; and

WHEREAS, the bill was not adopted by the Senate but would have provided critical funding for the City of Los Angeles in communities that have been greatly affected by the pandemic, and the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress (2021-22) should continue to support these provisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-22 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP of legislation that would provide at least \$435 billion in immediate and long-term investments and to address systemic racism and historic underinvestment in communities of color, including a \$15 federal minimum wage, affordable housing, funding for infrastructure, and other provisions as discussed in the text of this Resolution.

PRESENTED BY: Monica Rodriguez  
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Councilwoman, 7<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: Kevin de Leon

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